

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

specifying a target Gross Rating Point (GRP) for each of one or more lines of an advertising contract associated with an Internet advertising campaign, wherein each of the one or more lines is related to a Web property;

specifying a total booked amount for the one or more lines, wherein the total booked amount comprises a total amount reserved for the one or more lines;

apportioning, via a computer device, the target GRP among one or more time periods of the Internet advertising campaign;

apportioning, via the computer device, the total booked amount among the time periods, wherein recognized revenue is based on the apportioned target GRP and the apportioned total booked amount; and

visibly displaying the recognized revenue on a user interface on a display of the computer device.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the target GRP is apportioned equally among the time periods.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the booked amount is apportioned equally among the time periods.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining an actual GRP achieved for the time periods; and
determining recognized revenue for the time periods such that a ratio of the recognized revenue to the total booked amount is based on a ratio of the actual GRP to the target GRP.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising serving advertisements on one or more Web pages in accordance with campaign parameters.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the ratio of recognized revenue to the total booked amount equals the ratio of the actual GRP to the target GRP for the lines.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the ratio of recognized revenue for a particular time period to the total booked amount for a particular line is equal to the ratio of actual GRP to the target GRP for a particular line.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining an invoice amount for a billing period, the invoice amount being calculated by adding recognized revenue for the lines for the time periods falling within the billing period.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the adding recognized revenue further comprises:

adding revenue for a particular time period that falls partially within the billing period based on an amount of time that a particular time period falls within the billing period.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the time period is a week.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the billing period is a month.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising capping the invoice amount for a line to an amount for the line for the billing period.

15. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising, when a total actual GRP for a billing period for a particular line differs from a total target GRP for the particular line for the billing period, applying the difference between the total actual GRP and the total target GRP for the billing period to a subsequent billing period.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising, when the total actual GRP for the billing period for a particular line is less than the total target GRP for the particular line for the billing period, applying the difference between the total actual GRP and the total target GRP to a subsequent billing period.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein any difference between an actual weekly GRP and a target weekly GRP is automatically carried over to a subsequent week, if the subsequent week is within a same calendar month.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the difference is calculated for each of the lines of the Internet advertising campaign.

21. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein recognized revenue is separately calculated for each of the lines.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the billing period of each of the lines is independent of other lines.

23. (Currently amended) A computer system comprising:

one or more computers configured to:

identify a target Gross Rating Point (GRP) for each of one or more lines of an advertising contract associated with an Internet advertising campaign, wherein each of the one or more lines is related to a Web property;

determine a total booked amount of money for the lines, wherein the total booked amount comprises a total amount reserved for the one or more lines;

determine an apportionment of the target GRP among one or more time periods of the Internet advertising campaign for the one or more lines;

identify an apportionment of the total booked amount among the time periods;

determine revenue based on the apportioned GRP and the apportioned booked amount; and

visibly display the revenue on a user interface.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the computers are further configured to:

determine actual GRP achieved for each of the time periods; and

determine recognized revenue for the time periods such that a ratio of the recognized revenue to the total booked amount is based on a ratio of the actual GRP to the target GRP.

25. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the target GRP is apportioned equally among the time periods.

26. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the booked amount is apportioned equally among the time periods.

27. (Currently amended) The system of claim 24, wherein a ratio of recognized revenue to the total booked amount equals a ratio of the actual GRP to the target GRP for the one or more lines.

28. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the computers are further configured to serve advertisements on one or more Web pages in accordance with campaign characteristics.

29. (Currently amended) The system of claim 23, wherein the computers are further configured to:

determine an invoice amount for a billing period, the invoice amount being calculated by adding recognized revenue for the one or more lines for the time periods falling within the billing period.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the ratio of recognized revenue for a particular time period to the total booked amount for a particular line is equal to the ratio of actual GRP to the target GRP for the particular line.

31. (Original) The system of claim 29, wherein the adding recognized revenue is for lines falling entirely within the billing period.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the adding recognized revenue further comprises:

adding revenue for a particular time period that falls partially within the billing period based on an amount of time that the particular time period falls within the billing period.

33. (Currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:

a step for identifying a target Gross Rating Point (GRP) for each of one or more lines of an advertising contract associated with an Internet advertising campaign, wherein each of the one or more lines is related to a Web property;

a step for identifying a total booked amount of money for the lines, wherein the total booked amount comprises a total amount reserved for the lines;

a step for apportioning, via a computer device, the target GRP among one or more time periods of the Internet advertising campaign;

a step for apportioning, via the computer device, the total booked amount among the time periods, wherein recognized revenue being based on the apportioned target GRP and the apportioned total booked amount; and

a step for visibly displaying the recognized revenue on a user interface on a display of the computer device.

34. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the target GRP is apportioned equally among the time periods.

35. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the booked amount is apportioned equally among the time periods.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising:
a step for determining actual GRP achieved for the time periods; and
a step for determining recognized revenue for the time periods such that a ratio of recognized revenue to the total booked amount is based on a ratio of the actual GRP to the target GRP for the time periods.

37. (Currently amended) A computer system comprising:
means for identifying a target Gross Rating Point (GRP) for each of one or more lines of an advertising contract associated with an Internet advertising campaign, wherein each of the one or more lines is related to a Web property;

means for identifying a total booked amount of money for the one or more lines, wherein the total booked amount comprises a total amount reserved for the one or more lines;

means for identifying an apportionment of the target GRP among one or more time periods of the Internet advertising campaign for the one or more lines;

means for identifying an apportionment of the total booked amount among the time periods;

means for determining revenue based on the apportioned GRP and the apportioned booked amount; and

means for visibly displaying the revenue on a user interface of a computer device.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37, further comprising:

means for determining the actual GRP achieved for each of the time periods; and

means for determining recognized revenue for the time periods such that a ratio of recognized revenue to the total booked amount is based on a ratio of the actual GRP to the target GRP.

39. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

specifying a goal effectiveness measure for each of one or more portions of an advertising contract associated with an Internet campaign, wherein each of the one or more portions is related to a Web property;

specifying a total booked amount for the one or more portions, wherein the total booked amount comprises a total amount reserved for the one or more portions ~~lines~~;

apportioning, via a computer device, the goal effectiveness measure among the one or more portions of the Internet campaign;

apportioning, via the computer device, the total booked amount among the one or more portions, wherein charges are based on the apportioned goal effectiveness measure and the apportioned total booked amount;

determining an actual effectiveness measure achieved for the one or more portions;

determining the charges for the one or more portions such that a ratio of the charges for the total booked amount is based on a ratio of the actual effectiveness measure and the goal effectiveness measure; and

visibly displaying the charges for the one or more portions on a user interface on a display of the computer device.